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DEA FOR ADMINISTRATOR BARTELS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, NL, OVIP (VAN AGT, ANDREAS)
SUBJ: VISIT BY VAN AGT

REF: (A) STATE 281092
(B) STATE 278365
(C) BEIGEL/MARIN TELECON, 12/27

1. DEC 30 AT OUR INITIATIVE WE CONTACTED MFA NORTH AMERICA DESK (GOUDZWAARD) TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED FOR JUSTICE MINISTER. GOUDZWAARD INDICATEDHE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF PLANNED VISIT, BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN OR HOW HE HAD LEARNED OF IT. HE WONDERED WHETHER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR JUSTICE MIISTER AND PARTY WERE BECAUSE OF NETHS' BAD REPUTATION IN DRUGS. EMBOFF IMPLIED THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO MINISTER IN CONTEXT OF NARCOTICS COOPERATION PROGRAM TO BRING HIGH LEVEL VISITORS TO US; IN THAT RESPECT, THERE IS NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE INVITATION AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED.

2. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED JUSTICE MINISTER'S SECRETARY THAT NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED FOR MONDAY, 1/11 AND
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THAT WASHINGTON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY

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DEPARTMENT. WE SUGGESTED TO HER THAT RESERVATIONS IN NEW YORK BE MADE BY KLM. SHE SAID SHE WOULD CONTACT KLM TO THAT END. SECRETARY STATED THAT VAN AGT AND PARTYHAVE RESERVATIONS ON KLM FOR JAN 6 FROM AMSTERDAM THROUGH TO WASHINGTON, WITH OPEN RETURN, BUT SHE WAS UNABLE PROVIDE FLIGHT NUMBER ETC., AS TICKETS HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. WE REQUESTED DATA BE PROVIDED TO US ASAP. WILL ADVISE BY SEPTEL.

3. WE BELIEVE MINISTER AND TWO ASSOCIATES WILL PROCEED TO NY ON JAN 11 AND WILL CONFIRM THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, WE SUGGEST RESERVATIONS AT MAYFLOWER HOTEL BE MADE FOR NIGHTS OF JAN 6 THROUGH 10, INCLUSIVE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL (B), ALL DUTCH PARTICIPANTS SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND ENGLISH ADEQUATELY FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM. VAN AGT ON OCCASION APPEARS HESITANT IN SPEAKING, BUT THIS MAY BE MORE RESULT OF CAREFULLY CHOOSING HIS WORDS RATHER THAN BEING AT LOSS FOR WORDS. ORANJE IS QUITE FLUENT IN ENGLISH, WHILE FONTEIJN'S SPOKEN ENGLISH CAN BE DESCRIBED AS ONLY FAIR.
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